

STRENGTH SHOWN IN NATIONAL BANKS

Call of May 5 Shows Increase
in Combined Resources,
Controller Reports.

National banks on May 5, the date of the last bank call, showed combined resources, said Controller of the Currency Crissinger in a statement last night, which were greater, with but two exceptions, than at the date of any previous call since April 28, 1921.

Their condition was such, Mr. Crissinger said, that they "should render ample assistance to the merchant, the agriculturist or whoever may have legitimate demand for financial relief."

This healthy and improved state of the banks was said to be evidenced in the continued liquidation of the currency, with an apparent tendency to increase holdings of United States government securities and other miscellaneous bonds and securities, with corresponding reductions incident to liability for borrowed money and rediscounted paper and a noticeable increase in individual deposits.

The combined resources of the 8,230 banks reporting, the controller said, were \$20,176,648,000.

Banks in the Richmond district, which includes the District of Columbia, had an excess reserve of \$2,003,000.

**GERMAN DYE PATENT
INFRINGEMENT, IS CHARGE**

Complaints Against Four Chemical Companies Filed in Newark Court.

NEWARK, N. J., June 24.—Ten complaints have been filed in federal court here by the Chemical Foundation Company, Inc., of Wilmington, Del., charging four New Jersey chemical companies with illegally using a German patent for making chemicals and dyes.

The papers alleged that the patent rights during the war and later sold them to the Chemical Foundation Company.

The latter asks the court to fix a reasonable royalty for use of the patents and order the Federal Trade Commission to cancel licenses granted to the defendant companies.

Seven of the suits are brought against the Consolidated Color and Chemical Company of Newark. The other defendants are E. C. Klipstein and Sons Company of Chicago; the Takamine Laboratory, Inc., of Clinton; and the General Ceramics Company of Kewbury.

WILMINGTON, Del., June 24.—Bills of complaint were filed in the United States district court here by the Chemical Foundation Company, Inc., a Delaware corporation, in four suits for accounting and royalties under its use of letters patent and of amounts paid to the treasurer of the United States, who is joined in such action with the alien property custodian.

In two of these cases E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company are defendants. The return from Lynchburg, Va., her husband, L. H. Matthews, state inspector of crematories, the death of Mrs. Agnes Matthews, which occurred under unusual circumstances at Waynesboro yesterday, has been deemed due to natural causes.

The woman sent her six-year-old son to a neighbor's house to play with other children in the morning and the child returned about 10 o'clock, because it was hungry. He was unable to get into the house and his efforts attracted neighbors.

Dr. J. F. Hubbard and Chief of Police Shumate forced an entrance and found Mrs. Matthews dead, stretched across the foot of her bed. The circumstances left a theory of suicide, but no weapon was found and there was no indication of there having been a struggle. A post-mortem examination revealed no traces of poison.

The husband exhibited a letter mailed to him by his wife the day before it contained nothing that would point to suicidal tendencies. She had been under a doctor's care for some time, because of nervous disorders. The Matthews moved to Waynesboro about one year ago from New York.

NATIONS TOO ISOLATED.

French Dramatist Sees Need of Closer Relationship.

PARIS, June 24.—In spite of cable and wireless communication and facilities of travel, the peoples of the United States and France still are unacquainted with each other. This is the conclusion which Maurice Donnay, French dramatist, draws from his recent visit to the United States.

The customs authorities, he says, hold up merchandise of all sorts, but all kinds of prejudices, susceptibilities and misunderstandings are permitted to enter freely. In the address before the Franco-American Society the other day he told the members that it was necessary "again to discover the new world."

INDIANA NOMINEE DIES.

Democratic Candidate for Congress Victim of Bright's Disease.

NEW ALBANY, Ind., June 24.—John W. Ewing, forty-eight years old, democratic nominee for Congress from the third Indiana district, died at his home here tonight. Mr. Ewing had been in poor health for several months. Bright's disease was said to have caused his death.

BAND CONCERT.

At Walter Reed Hospital, at the band stand today at 7 p.m., by the Washington Boys' Independent Band, J. L. Kidwell, director. Program: "Home Defense."

M. L. Lake, "Twilight"; E. M. Lake, "Blue Danube"; J. Kern, "Bunker Hill"; M. L. Lake, "Serenade"; "Old Church Organ"; "Chambers Medley"; "Down the Lane"; "March, 'King Lear'"; J. H. Hayes, "March, 'Brookton'"; J. Miller, "The Star Spangled Banner."

Poker Portraits—Talking a Man Out of a Pot.

—By WEBSTER.

"YOU OPEN IT, DAVE? WELL, I THINK THE PRINCIPAL IDEA OF THE GAME IS TO GET MONEY IN THE CENTER OF THE TABLE AND ALSO TO KEEP IT THERE. PARSIMONIOUS SOULS FROM FRITTERING AWAY THEIR CASH."

I AM RAISING, TILTING AND WHOOPIING IT TWO ULTRA MARINE CHIPS OR CHECKS."

"YOU CHECK IT TO ME, DAVE? I SUPPOSE YOU CAUGHT THE FOURTH ACE AND ARE SITTING BACK READY TO SANDBAG ME THE MINUTE I STEP OUT. SOMETIMES I THINK THIS ISN'T THE FRIENDLY LITTLE GAME IT'S SAID TO BE."

"DAVE, YOU'D BETTER THINK IT OVER CAREFULLY BEFORE YOU DROP YOUR ACE FULL. I MAY BE HOLDING A FOUR FLUSH. I'D HATE TO SEE YOU LAY DOWN THE WINNING HAND."

"YOU DROP, HEY?"

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RULE HITS CHILDREN.

Barred From Beach Saturdays and Sundays if Alone.

Effective today, no children under the age of sixteen will be allowed on the tidal basin bathing beach Saturdays and Sundays, unless accompanied by parents, according to regulations announced by L. Gordon Leach, manager of the beach. Exceptions are allowed in the cases of working girls and boys, who will be admitted after 3 o'clock upon proper identification.

While the public schools were in session all children were allowed on the beach Saturdays and Sundays, but since the schools have been dismissed it was thought best to restrict the use of the resort after 3 o'clock in the afternoon, as the children are able to go in as early as 7 o'clock in the morning and from 1 to 3 p.m. each day.

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PORFIRIO DIAZ'S WIDOW DISLIKES TO DISCUSS MEXICAN AFFAIRS

By the Associated Press.

PARIS, June 24.—"She is occupied doing as much good as she can without attracting attention" is the way the Mexican colony of Paris speaks of a slight woman of rather stately bearing, who is always dressed in black and is so well preserved that she might pass for any age between thirty-five and fifty. She is Carmen Romero Rubio Diaz, widow of Porfirio Diaz, long-time president of the Mexican republic.

"Madame" Diaz, as she is known, lives in a moderately sumptuous apartment with her sister in a fashionable neighborhood near the Bois de Boulogne, but takes little part in the fashionable life of the city, being seen rarely in society outside the Mexican and Spanish colonies.

Her retirement does not amount to seclusion, however. She receives visitors graciously and talks freely and interestingly on all subjects but, one—Mexico. This is barred by common consent. When she infrequently refers to her country it is with regret over its past vicissitudes and foreboding for its future.

Badly assimilated knowledge, Madame Diaz holds, is partly responsible for Mexico's woes. She likens the effect of education on the Mexicans to the effect which the teachings of Soltaire and Rousseau had on the French. The result, she thinks, finally may be the same, but the end is far off, and Mexico, like France, will be obliged to go through more revolutions and revolutions before her destiny is worked out.

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CROW STILL BETTER.

Senator's Family Hopes for Success of New Serum.

UNIONTOWN, Pa., June 24.—Further improvement in the condition of United States Senator William E. Crow was noted today, it was stated by members of the family, who are hopeful that the new serum treatment being administered will prove successful. They said there was a distinct improvement in the senator's general condition.

CABLE PLAN APPROVED.

Brazil Grants Request Which Aids All-American Company.

RIO DE JANEIRO, June 24.—The ministry of foreign affairs today officially notified the American embassy here that the Brazilian government had approved the petition of the Western Telegraph Company, an English-owned concern, for the extension of that company's consular rights to American companies.

This action makes possible the entrance to all Brazilian coast points of the All-American Company's cables.

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Referendum Likely on Return to Imperial Standard.

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